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In the application of:

Gary VAN NEST

Serial No.: 09/802,518

Filing Date: March 9, 2001

For: METHODS OF AMELIORATING
SYMPTOMS OF HERPES INFECTIONS
USING IMMUNOMODULATORY
POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

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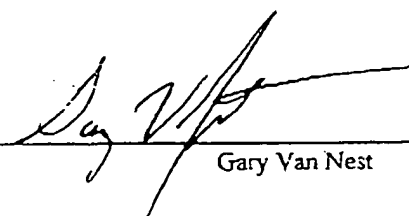
I, Gary Van Nest, Ph.D., declare as follows:

1. I currently reside at 639 Skyline Drive, Martinez, California 94553.
2. I am an inventor named in the above-referenced patent application, and am familiar with the written communication from the Patent Office dated December 24, 2002.
3. I participated in the design of experiments described in Example 2 of the application. In the procedures described at page 45, line 9, to page 46, line 2, of the specification, the ISS therapy referred to as "ISS injections" was administration of ISS-

containing polynucleotides though intraperitoneal injections. The results of this experiment, depicted in Figure 2, demonstrate that systemic, non-local administration is an effective route of administration of ISS-containing polynucleotides for reducing frequency of herpes recurrence.

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